

# CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**AGENDA TITLE:** Receive Progress Report on the City of Lodi General Plan Update

**MEETING DATE:** March 5, 2008

**PREPARED BY:** Rad Bartlam, General Plan Project Manager

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Receive progress report on the City of Lodi General Plan update.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Early in 2006, the City Council directed the Community Development Department to begin the process for updating the City of Lodi General Plan. On May 17, 2006, the City Council entered into a contract with the consulting firm of Dyett & Bhatia for services to update the General Plan.

On September 19, 2007, the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a contract with myself in order to manage the program. The background information including all working papers has been completed. Additionally, the City Council and Planning Commission held a joint session in December to receive and comment on the information.

Since the joint session, the consultant team and City staff have met to draft the alternatives of the General Plan. Those alternatives are being fine tuned with a goal of being finalised by mid March. Additionally, the fiscal model, which is being developed by Mundie Associates, is nearly complete. Once the alternatives have been vetted against the various models, the alternatives will be presented to the public and the formal comment period will begin. None of the General Plan alternatives will be a "recommended" alternative, but will present various alternatives with the intention of providing a new community preferred alternative.

## SCHEDULE

The schedule represents the assumptions for completion of the various tasks for the General Plan. The Sketch Plans (Alternatives) will be completed by mid March. The alternatives will be vetted and reviewed by the public through the month of May. The Draft General Plan policy document and Environmental Impact Report being complete by December. The public review process and adoption schedule would commence after the first of the year, 2009 and the projected Final for City Council action in spring, 2009.

## BUDGET

The overall program remains slightly over budget. We have made progress in tightening the gap. I remain confident that we will be able to keep this within ten percent of the original amount from this point forward.

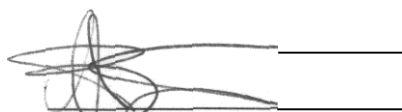
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APPROVED:

Blair King, City Manager

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**FUNDING AVAILABLE:** The cost of the above work **is** included in the contract for the General Plan Update authorized by the City Council.

  
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